



## I MUST ACCEPT A HOLY GOD'S EVALUATION OF ME

When Isaiah saw God, he heard the angels say, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts." (Isaiah 6:3). Though our tendency is to view ourselves or others from a relative standard, God's evaluation of us stems from His holy character and will, so that He declares...

*For there is not a just man on earth who does good and does not sin.  
(Ecclesiastes 7:20)*

*For all have sinned, and fall short of the glory of God. (Romans 3:23)*

It appeals to our pride to think that there is some good in us that could make us acceptable to God. But, again the Bible clearly states...

*But we are all like an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are like filthy rags. (Isaiah 64:6)*

*As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one. (Romans 3:10)*

*There is none who does good, no, not one.  
(Romans 3:12)*

This is bad news, but it gets even worse since the punishment for sin is death, which is separation from God...

*For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. (Romans 6:23)*

## 2 I MUST SEE WHAT GOD HAS PROVIDED FOR ME IN CHRIST'S DEATH AND RESURRECTION

The good news of the Gospel of grace centers in what Jesus Christ accomplished for us on the cross of Calvary. The eternal Son of God, Jesus Christ, became a man and died in our place, taking the penalty, the punishment, we justly deserved...

*All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD has laid on Him (Jesus Christ) the iniquity of us all.  
(Isaiah 53:6)*

His sacrifice for our sins paid our penalty in full, satisfying every one of God's holy demands...

*But this man (Jesus Christ), after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down at the right hand of God.  
(Hebrews 10:12)*

And why did God do this for you and me? Because He loves us and wants to save us from eternal hell...

*But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.  
(Romans 5:8)*

God the Father's confirmation of Christ's deity and the proof of His acceptance of Christ's payment for our sin is that He raised Jesus Christ from the dead on the third day.  
(Romans. 1:3-4, 4:25; 1 Corinthians 15:3-4)



## 3 I MUST BELIEVE THAT ETERNAL SALVATION AND LIFE IS A GIFT FROM GOD APART FROM ANY RELIGIOUS WORKS

Since Christ fully paid for our sins when He died, what sins remain to be atoned for by our good works? None! Salvation is not a reward for good people; it is a gift for sinners who trust in Jesus Christ alone...

*For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. (John 3:16)*

*For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast.  
(Ephesians 2:8-9)*

Think for a moment. If we could go to heaven by living a moral life, trying to keep the Ten Commandments, being baptized, going to church, etc., why would Jesus Christ have had to die for us and our sins? It would have been for nothing...

*I do not set aside the grace of God: for if righteousness comes through the law, then Christ died in vain. (Galatians 2:21)*

Good works are to be the **result** of receiving the gift of salvation, they are **never** the means to be saved. Ephesians 2:9-10)

## **4 I MUST REST BY FAITH IN GOD'S PROMISE AND ASSURANCE TO ME**

We receive God's free salvation through an act of childlike faith in Jesus Christ as our personal Lord and Savior...

*But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name.*

*(John 1:12)*

We need not wonder any longer regarding your eternal destiny. Listen to God's promise to those who transfer their faith from their good works to Christ's finished work on the cross for them...

*He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life. (1 John 5:12-13)*

Then the question to each of us becomes: "Do you know for sure where you will spend eternity?" If you don't know, you don't go...

*Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved. (Acts 16:31)*

*He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. (John 3:18)*



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